cipal to principal basis. Apart from term contracts Indian Oil Corporation also purchases crude oil and petroleum products on spot by inviting tenders. Since April, 1991 most of the purchases on spot are being made on credit basis.

Recovery of dues from State Electricity Board

1048. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted an arbitration committee to recover the outstanding dues from the State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the outstanding dues as on 1st January, 1991 State-wise; and

(d) what are the chances of recovery with most of the State Electricity Boards incurring losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State-wise details of the outstanding dues payable to the National Thermal Power Corporation National Hydro-electric Power Corporation, North Eastern Electric Power Corporation and the Damodar Valley Corporation as on 1st January, 1991 are given in the statements I to IV.

(d) The State Governments concerned are being persuaded by the Government of India to clear the dues payable to the above Corporations.

Statement-l

Statewise outstanding dues of National Thermal Power Corporation as on 1st January, 1991,

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the States/ Union Territory	(utstanding > on 1-1991
Uttar Pradesh	36,637
Rajasthan	12,800
Delhi	3,390
punjab	442
Haryana	7,713
Himachal Pradesh .	559
Jammu & Kashmir	1,750
Chandigarh	88
Madhya Pradesh	12,075
Maharashtra	4,807
Gujarat	5,556
Andhra Pradesh	1,118
Karnataka	4,247
Tamil Nadu*	5,229
Kerala	1,664
West Bengal	4,294
Bihar	11,447
Orissa	1,047
Sikkim	9
TOTAL	1,14,872

*Includes Pondicherry arrears Rs. 80 Lakhs.

Statement-II

St ate-wise outstanding dues of National Hydrocletric Power Corporation as on 1st January, 1991.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the.States/ Union Territory	Outstanding-as on 1-1-1991
Jammu & Kashmi	3766.69
Punjab .	2667-85
Haryana • . . •	2766.21
Himachal Pradesh	290-82
Manipur . . .	1072-36
Nagaland	123-37
Assam .	2074-79
West Bengal .	1164-46
Bihar . .	3116-61
Orissa . '	403-42 24-96
Sikkim . .	
TOTAL	18471-54

Statement-Ill

Estern Electric power Croporation as on 1st january 1991ration as on

the States/ Territory	(Rs. in lakhs)
Nairn of 1 Union	Outstandings as on 1-1-1991
Assam .	8476-39
Mizoram	86-74
Manipur	14-28
Tripura	90-42
Meghalay a	10-29
TOTAL .	8678-12

Statement-IV

State-wise outstanding dues of Damodar Valley Corporation as on 1st January, 1991

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the States/ Union Territory	Outstandings as on 1-1-1991
West Bengal . . .	5893
Bihar	28086
TOTAL . . .	33979

Another refinery in Assam

1049. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement was signed in March, 1989 by the then Chief Minister of Assam, the then Union Home Minister and the then Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas to form a separate company with the participation of the Government of Assam for setting up another refinery in Assam.

(b) whether it was decided to form a company within a stipulated period of time;

(c) if go, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(d) what is the cost escalation due to delay in executing the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) Pursuant to the Assam Accord, it has been decided that a 3 MTPA grass root refinery will be set up at Numali-garh in Assam. In a meeting held in March, 1989 between the then Chief Minister of Assam, the then Union Home Minister and the then Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, it was, inter-alia, decided that